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In re application of:)	
Cech et al.)	Examiner: Toni Scheiner
Serial No.: 08/846,017)	Art Unit: 1642
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For: NOVEL TELOMERASE)	STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98

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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Copies of the cited references are not enclosed because each has been previously submitted to the Office in related applications. Copies of references listed on sheets 1-5 of the attached form PTO-1449 (references AA-EA) were previously submitted in prosecution of copending application U.S.S.N. 08/724,643. Copies of references listed on sheet 6 of the attached form PTO-1449 (references FA-FR) were previously

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submitted in prosecution of copending application U.S.S.N. 08/854,050.

The relationship between the aforementioned U.S.S.N. 08/854,050, U.S.S.N. 08/724,643, and the present application is as follows:

USSN 08/854,050, is a continuation-in-part application of USSN 08/851,843, which is a continuation-in-part application of USSN 08/846,017, which is a continuation-in-part application of USSN 08/844,419, which is a continuation-in-part application of USSN 08/724,643.

Applicants believe that no additional copies of the references are required to be submitted and that additional submission of references would be cumbersome for the Office; however, Applicants will provide additional copies at the request of the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully draw the Examiner's attention to the submission in copending application USSN 08/854,050 of a "Detailed Discussion of Most Closely Related References" which accompanied a "Petition to Make Special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d)" filed in that application. Applicants believe that the references discussed in the "Detailed Discussion" are also related to the present application, and that the "Detailed Discussion" may be of assistance to the Examiner in the present case.

Applicants believe that <u>no fee</u> is required for submission of this statement, since it is being submitted prior to the first office action. However, if a fee is required, the

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commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the above-noted Deposit Account.

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